nenburg is preferred before all others, that are made of Salt-Springs.

Some Obſervations of ſwarms of ſtrange Inſects, and the Miſchiefs done by them.

A great Obſerver, who hath lived long in *New England*, did upon occaſion, relate to a Friend of his in *London*, where he lately was, That ſome few Years ſince there was ſuch a ſwarm of a certain ſort of Inſects in that *Engliſh* Colony, that for the ſpace of 200 Miles they poyſon'd and deſtroyed all the Trees of that Country; there being found innumerable little holes in the ground, out of which thoſe Inſects broke forth in the form of *Maggots*, which turned into *Flyes* that had a kind of taile or ſting, which they ſtruck into the Tree, and thereby envenomed and killed it.

The like Plague is ſaid to happen frequently in the Country of the *Coſacks* or *Ukrani*, where in dry Summers they are infeſted with ſuch ſwarms of *Locuſts*, driven thither by an *Eaſt*, or *South-Eaſt* Wind, that they darken the Air in the faireſt weather, and devour all the Corn of that Country; laying their Eggs in *Autumn*, and then dying; but the Eggs, of which every one layeth two or three hundred, hatching the next Spring, produce again ſuch a number of Locuſts, that then they do far more miſchief than afore, unleſs Rains do fall, which kill both Eggs and the Inſects themſelves, or unleſs a ſtrong *North* or *North-Weſt* Wind ariſe, which drives them into the *Euxin*-Sea: The Hogs of that Country loving theſe Eggs, devour alſo great quantities of them, and thereby help to purge the Land of them; which is often ſo moleſted by this Vermine, that they enter into their Houſes and Beds, fall upon their Tables and into their Meat, inſomuch that they can hardly eat without taking down ſome of them; in the Night when they repoſe themſelves upon the ground, they cover it three or four Inches thick, and if a Wheel paſs

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over them, they emit a ſtench hardly to be endured: All which, and much more may be fully ſeen in the *French* Deſcription of the Countries of *Poland*, made by *Monſieur de Beauplan*, and by *Monſieur Thevenot*, in his Relation of the *Coſacks*, contained in the Firſt part of his *Curious Voyages*.

An Obſervation touching the Bodies of Snakes and Vipers.

Several have taken notice, that there is a difference between the brooding of Snakes and Vipers, thoſe laying their Eggs in Dung-hills, by whoſe warmth they are hatched; but theſe (Vipers) brooding their Eggs within their Bellies, and bringing forth live Vipers. To which may be added, That ſome affirm to have ſeen Snakes lye upon their Eggs, as Hens ſit upon theirs.

Some Obſervations of odde Conſtitutions of Bodies.

A very curious Perſon, ſtudying Phyſick at *Leyden*, to whom had been imparted thoſe Relations about a Milky Subſtance in Veins, heretofore alledged in *Numb. 6.* returns, by way of gratitude, the following Obſervations.

There was (ſaith he) not many Years ſince, in this Country a Student, who being much addicted to the ſtudy of *Aſtronomy*, and ſpending very many Nights in Star-gazing, had, by the Nocturnal wet and cold temper of the Air, in ſuch a manner obſtructed the pores of his skin, that little or nothing exhaled from his Body; which appeared hence, becauſe that the ſhirt, he had worn five or ſix weeks, was then as white as if he had worn it but one day. In the mean while he gathered a ſubcutaneous Water, of which yet he was afterwards well cured.

We have alſo (*ſaith the ſame*) ſeen here a young Maid, of about thirteen Years of age, which from the time that ſhe was but ſix Years old, and began to be about her Mother in the